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PSC Grants Spectra Request For Competitive Classification In Some Of Its Exchanges

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission has granted a request by Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel (Spectra) for competitive classification for all of its residential services, other than exchange access service, in its Brunswick, Cameron, Golden City, Greenfield, Lawson and Sarcoxie exchanges.

Under competitive classification, Spectra will no longer be subject to price or rate regulation by the PSC for its residential services in the exchanges listed above. Spectra will be permitted to raise or lower its telephone prices at its own discretion, subject to the marketplace. The PSC will continue to regulate quality of service, service termination and other billing issues.

In this case, state law requires the Commission to issue its decision within 30 days of Spectra's May 17, 2007, filing. Under the law, the 30-day criteria for determining competitive classification is based upon the existence of two other nonaffiliated entities providing basic local telecommunications service, one of which may be a wireless provider, the other a wireline company providing local voice service using facilities in which it has a partial or full ownership interest.

Based upon a review of the evidence in this case, the Commission found that in each of the above exchanges, facilities-based local voice service is being provided to at least two residential customers by an unaffiliated wireline carrier. In addition, the Commission found that there is at least one non-affiliated commercial mobile radio services carrier providing service to residential customers in Spectra's Brunswick, Cameron, Golden City, Greenfield, Lawson and Sarcoxie exchanges. The Commission further found that the competing carriers have local numbers available for use by residential customers in those exchanges. As a result, Spectra's application has been approved.

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